

BRANDT HOUSE
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WRITTEN HISTORICAL & DESCRIPTIVE DATA
DISTRICT No 28

Historic American Building Survey
Alexander C. Guth, District Officer
1249 North Franklin Place, Milwaukee, Wis.

THE BRANDT HOUSE
Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.

Owner (or Custodian). Colored occupancy.

Date of Erection. Prior to 1856.

Architect. Not known

Builder. Not definitely known.

Present Condition. Run down.

Number of Stories. Originally one, now two.(?).

Materials of Construction. White pine, 4 x 4" framing
hand adzed; brick basement.

Other Existing Records. None known

Additional Data. (See following pages.)

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This house is located at 1205 N. 8th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The exact date of its erection is unknown, though records exist which indicate that the house was built prior to 1856. The first occupant was Sebastian Brandt, but it is not definitely established whether he was also the one who built the house. It is surmised, however, that he was the builder, because before coming to this country he was a "Zimmermann" in Germany which parallels ~~to~~ a house builder here in the United States. Upon coming to Milwaukee he pursued his vocation and constructed many early day structures in the city of his adoption.

In 1868 this Sebastian Brandt established the Brand Stove Foundry. This firm bore the distinction of being the first stove manufactory in the entire north-west states.

From meager information it is learned that the house at one time was ~~but~~ a one story structure. The tall basement story was a later addition. The house looks most interesting as it now stands, but think ~~of~~ how much more so it must have looked when it was ~~but~~ a one story temple-like structure with its full story columns and nicely proportioned pediment. It is of interest to note that according to the tax records of 1866 there was an extra assessment for building improvements over the regular tax amount. This was no doubt due to the erection of the brick ground story.

The house is constructed entirely of white pine. The framing is of 4 x 4 inch material hand adzed.

The house now is in a run down condition and is occupied by colored people. The district surrounding the house was at one time a very fashionable one.

Alvin K. Smith
District Officer.